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AFRL scientist selected for national honor

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ROME, N.Y. — Dr. Bruce W. Suter, founder and current director of the Center for Transmission and Exploitation (CITE) at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Rome Research site, has been named one of four government employees to receive the prestigious Arthur S. Flemming Award for Scientific Achievement.

Established in 1948 by Washington's Downtown Jaycees, the Flemming Awards honor outstanding federal employees with three to 15 years of government service for their extraordinary contributions to the federal government. Recognized by the president, agency heads and the private sector, the winners are selected from all areas of federal service. Each year there are twelve recipients; four each selected for the administrative, scientific, and applied science categories.

The award is administered by George Washington University, Government Executive magazine and the Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission. Award presentations were made at a June 11 ceremony on the campus of George Washington University.

Arthur S. Flemming was Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare in the Eisenhower administration and an important force in the shaping of Social Security policy for more than four decades. His government career began in 1939, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed him to the U.S. Civil Service Commission. He was also a member of the Hoover Commission, which studied the organization of the federal government in the late 1940s and early 1950s. He was the recipient of two Presidential Medals of Freedom — in 1957 and 1994.

Suter was selected for the award based on his exceptional professional and community service as a principal member of the technical staff at AFRL's Information Directorate. He was a strong advocate for a new AFRL research capability, which was subsequently realized with the establishment of the CITE in May 2001. He has also made significant contributions to the professional and scientific community as a leader of national and international conference activities, and as evaluator and editor of journal and technical publications.

The CITE is a joint endeavor of the Information Directorate and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research that focuses on basic and applied research in the science and engineering of integrated transmission and exploitation. Its vision is development of technology that will enable interconnected and geographically separated decision-makers the capability to access real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance information and conduct command and control operations via a "Global Grid."

Suter, a 12-year federal employee who joined the Rome staff in 1998, holds both a bachelor of science and master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of South Florida. He was awarded his doctorate in computer science from the same institution. @